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1. The Central Administration of Industry called a meeting on 19 March 1947 to discuss plans for industrial bookkeeping. Representatives of the Central Administrations, the state governments, the Berlin Magistrat, the Department of Economics of Berlin University, the Technical University, the FDGB, and of several industrial enterprises attended.
  2. President Leo Skrzypczynski, Professor Mellorowitz, and Dr. Kramer emphasized the necessity of establishing a uniform system of industrial bookkeeping in order to determine whether the industrial enterprises in the Russian Zone are functioning on a sound economic basis. During the first two phases of reconstruction the emphasis was laid on resumption of production and establishment of planned production; during the third phase production must be put on a sound economic basis.
  3. It was decided that a Central Committee for Industrial Bookkeeping (ZAFIR) should be formed. Similar committees in the Ministry of Economics of each state are planned. The main tasks of these committees are:
    1. Introduction of a uniform system of accounting for all industrial enterprises.
    2. Formulation of new directives for determining production costs.
    3. Publication of a system for plant accounts sheets in line with the requirements of correct cost determination.
    4. Improvement of bookkeeping directives.
    5. Preparation of proposals to the Chambers of Commerce to assist them in correction of accounting errors of firms under their jurisdiction.
    6. Influence the professional institutions to increase training of expert industrial accountants.
    7. Support all efforts to achieve a uniform terminology in the field of industrial economy.

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